

NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

ETHICS COMMITTEE

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
ROOM 302**

**JANUARY 17, 2007
8:00 AM**

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman David L. Nixon and the Roll Call taken.

Present: John Barthlemes, John Blair, Douglas O'Brien, Pat Quigley and Chair, David L. Nixon. Absent: Dale Kuehne, Deborah Schachter.

Also Present: New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly A. Ayotte

On behalf of the Attorney General's Office: Associate Attorney General Richard W. Head.

**MOTION BY DOUGLAS O'BRIEN
TO SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS
IN ORDER TO HEAR FROM HONORED INVITEE
ATTORNEY GENERAL KELLY AYOTTE
SECOND BY JOHN BARTHLEMES
NO DISCUSSION
ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSES**

Attorney General Ayotte is introduced and thereupon explains her high expectations of the Committee and the work that it is tasked to do and offers the unequivocal support of the Attorney General's Office. She thanks the members of the Committee for taking on this responsibility.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

**MOTION BY JOHN BLAIR TO ACCEPT THE
SECRETARY'S MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 3, 2007 MEETING AS PRESENTED
SECOND BY PATRICIA QUIGLEY
NO DISCUSSION
ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSES**

Chairman Nixon calls for volunteers for the seats of Secretary and Vice-Chairman of

the Committee.

**MOTION BY PATRICIA QUIGLEY TO
APPOINT DALE KUEHNE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN
SECONDED BY DOUGLAS O'BRIEN
NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS, VOLUNTEERS OR DISCUSSION
ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSES**

The position of Secretary of the Committee is tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

A brief discussion ensues regarding meeting days for this Committee. The first and third Wednesdays was originally the plan; however, that schedule does not work for all members. No result is arrived at and the subject is tabled until the next meeting. When the dates are set, the Recording Secretary will send out the schedule for the year.

REVIEW OF DRAFT AG ADVISORY OPINIONS:

For the next meeting of the EBEC, Chairman Nixon requests the following groups to re-draft opinions on the AG Advisory Opinions that were distributed at the first meeting by Deputy AG Bud Fitch. The following assignments are made:

2006-14: *regarding regulatory boards* - Pat Quigley, Chair; John Barthlemes & John Blair

2006-15: *regarding sponsorship of training events by a regulated agency* – Doug O'Brien, Chair; Pat Quigley and John Barthelmes

2006-16: *use of frequent flyer miles/State Employee* - John Barthlemes, Chair; John Blair and Doug O'Brien.

2006-17: *use of Department/Agency letterhead for letters of recommendation* – John Blair, Chair; Doug O'Brien, Pat Quigley.

2006-18: *free transportation to event* – Pat Quigley, Chair; John Barthelmes, John Blair.

2006-019: *employee leaving for private practice...* - John Barthlemes, Chair; John Blair and Doug O'Brien.

A work meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of working on and discussion of these draft advisory opinions.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is set for **Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Office of the Attorney General, 33 Capitol Street, Concord NH 03301.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
BY PATRICIA QUIGLEY

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Lord

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Recording Secretary

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